Sr.No.	Location	No. of proposals received	Present Status
16.	Delhi Cantt. (Sadar Bazar/ Gopinath Bazar)	12	Site finalised
17.	Janakpuri B-Block Market	31	Site finalised
18.	Central Market Lajpat Nagar	16	Site finalised
19.	Punjabi Bagh Comm. Market	07	Site finalised
20.	Dilshad Garden	23	None of the proposals were found suitable
21.	Model Town	24	Site finalised
22.	Mayur Vihar Phase-I & II	16	None of the proposals were found suitable
23.	Moti Nagar Market	26	None of the proposals were found suitable

Provision of LPG in villages

†1607. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide cooking gas connections and to open Gas Agencies in the villages;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken in this direction so far;

(c) if so, the names of the places where Government propose to provide Gas Agencies in Gujarat and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) To increase the supply of LPG in rural areas, Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have included 1,247 locations for setting up of LPG distributorships

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exclusively in the rural areas including about 700 locations at block/tehsil/mandal level identified in the Marketing Plan 1999-2000. Out of these 1,247 locations, OMCs Plan to set up 60 LPG distributorships in the State of Gujarat. The selection of distributorship is a continuous process and it is not possible to indicate a time frame by which these agencies are likely to be commissioned.

ONGC's investments in oil production

†1608. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the pace of growth in the field of oil production by the ONGC has gone down during the last one decade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether ONGC has formulated a plan to make large scale investments in the coming years to stop constant fall in the production of crude oil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Although in the early part of the last decade there was a decline in the crude oil production of ONGC, this was arrested and turn-around achieved through additional inputs in the major fields such as Mumbai High, Neelam, Heera and Gandhar.

The decline in the production was mainly beacasue of the following reasons:

* Major fields like Mumbai High on decline, which is a natural phenomenon of aging fields;
* No major discoveries in the last 10—12 years;
* Environmental problems, delay in acquisition of land, power shortage, etc in the North-eastern region.

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